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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional Application of) Prior Application No. 08/522,917 Examiner: M. Nghiem HIROSHI YOSHINO Prior Group Art Unit: 2861 Application No.: 09/699,387 Filed: October 31, 2000 For: INK JET APPARATUS AND WASTE LIQUID November 30, 2000 ABSORBING METHOD Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the first line, please insert --This application is a division of U.S. Application No. 08/522,917, filed September 1, 1995.--